



## Shirley House Interfaith Centre (SHIFC) Annual Report to ECC April 2025

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- The committee met in July and November 2024, and March 2025. All were 'hybrid meetings' with some people attending via Zoom.
- Sadly, Kath Lawrence, co-chair of Sheffield Council of Christians and Jews died in December 2024.
- Irenie Zelickman retired from the committee due to too many commitments. We are currently seeking a replacement representative from either the Synagogue or Reform Jewish congregation.
- Shirley House Interfaith group has continued to host meetings nearly every month since last APCM. Many of these have been hybrid live-and-Zoom meetings.
- We have also hosted 5 Sheffield Interfaith bring and share dinners this year.

### Events since April 2024 are listed below, those in italics not Shirley House Interfaith events:

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Introduction to the Dialogue Society, presentation and social meeting with snacks.
- *May 14<sup>th</sup> - Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship Bring & Share dinner (SH)*
- *May 28<sup>th</sup> - (Leeds CCJ, Zoom), Alexander Faludy talk about Geza Vermes (1924-2013) a British, Jewish scholar who wrote about the Jewishness of Jesus & translated the Dead Sea Scrolls into English.*
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - 'Pilgrimage in my Faith' discussion
- *June 9<sup>th</sup> - Sheffield Interfaith online sharing discussion, on the topic 'Listening'.*
- *June 30<sup>th</sup> - Dialogue Society annual picnic, Graves Park*
- *July 4<sup>th</sup> - (Leeds CCJ, Zoom),*
- *July 10<sup>th</sup> - Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship Bring & Share dinner (SH).*
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – SH Interfaith barbecue lunch, in SAPLC garden
- *July 18<sup>th</sup> – CCJ coach trip to Manchester Jewish Museum*
- *September 12<sup>th</sup> SIF Food & Friendship (SH)*
- September 25<sup>th</sup> - Discussion 'Money – For good or evil?'. What do our scriptures and faith traditions say about wealth, poverty and the use of money?
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Show & Share 'Harvest Festivals in my Faith', including contributions from the Dialogue Society, who brought 'Noah's pudding' for everybody.
- **Interfaith Week:**
  - *Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> SIF Food & Friendship (SH)*
  - Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> Talk by Chaplain of St Luke's Hospice, Mike Reeder
  - *Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November Sheffield Interfaith visit to Hindu Samaj*
- *December 1<sup>st</sup>, Hallam Community Hall, Hallam Grange Crescent, 2:00pm, Dialogue Society Christmas Party*
- December 4<sup>th</sup>. Shirley House Winter Party (Food, drink, board games)
- January 14<sup>th</sup> 2025. Discussion on how 'Love your neighbour' is understood and enacted in different faiths.
- February 19<sup>th</sup>. Film show, 'The Quiet Girl'. [No Zoom option]
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - dinner with speakers from Nablus in the Occupied West Bank (by invitation)
- *February 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00 Sheffield Interfaith food & friendship bring & share dinner (SH)*
- March – NO Shirley House Interfaith event due to Ramadan and Lent occupying almost the whole month.
- *March 25<sup>th</sup> Sheffield Interfaith online discussion on the theme of 'Trust' (SIF members only)*
- April 28<sup>th</sup> *Sheffield Interfaith food & friendship bring & share lunch, Upper Chapel*
- 29<sup>th</sup> April. Presentation by Suzanne Martin about her newly published book 'FrithHearth' of inclusive heathen devotional practice.